

Calvert Marine Museum Volunteer Council Scholarship Program 2020

Background: The Volunteer Council (VC) of the Calvert Marine Museum (CMM) recruits and promotes the effective use of volunteer services through organization, training, and communication in order to contribute to the mission and purposes of the museum.

Purpose: To provide financial support to current or enrolled student volunteers. Three or more scholarships in the amount of \$750 each will be available (as funding or suitable applicants permit). Funds are intended to offset education-related costs. The scholarship is open to applicants pursuing education in any field, but preferably those that support the activities of the museum, such as, maritime history, estuarine biology, paleontology, development, marketing, etc. This scholarship may not be combined with any other scholarship funding administered by the museum or its clubs. This does not preclude prior year recipients from applying.

Scholarships may be used at the post-secondary school level, including training and vocational programs, of the student's choice. Each scholarship will be paid directly to the student after they have shown evidence of acceptance and enrollment.

Eligibility: High school graduate or graduating senior from any educational institution (public or private high school, home school, or GED certificate).

Selection Criteria:

- Academic achievement – must be at least a high school graduate or graduating senior
- Academic plans – Although not required, preference will be given to students who are applying to a course of study that supports any activity related to the museum. Scholarship award will be contingent upon acceptance and enrollment
- Applicant must have completed at least 20 hours of volunteer service to CMM during the period January through December 2019
- Preference will be given to volunteers who have shown a continuing interest or commitment to volunteer during the forthcoming year
- Volunteer must be 25 years or under as of March 31, 2020
- Interview – If there are questions, the committee may contact the applicant for a telephone interview.

Important Dates and Mandatory Deadlines:

- Scholarship applications must be received at the Calvert Marine Museum no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday March 31, 2020.
- Scholarship phone interviews, if deemed desirable, will be conducted between April 10 – 30, 2020.
- Each applicant will be notified of the decision by May 11, 2020.

Documents: To be considered, your application packet must include:

1. Completed application form
2. A personal narrative statement (typed) which should include a description of:
 - Why you volunteer at the museum and how it benefits you

- The area(s) (e.g., estuarine, education, etc.) or museum events in which you volunteer
 - How your course of study will benefit the museum.
3. A written reference from a museum staff member, preferably one that you support or report to. Contact a staff member and ask them if they would submit a Recommendation sheet on you. If so, give them the Recommendation sheet and ask them to return it directly to the Volunteer Coordinator.
 4. Proof of acceptance or enrollment.

Procedure:

Completed application packets (signed application, etc.) must be received at:

Volunteer Council/Volunteer Coordinator
Calvert Marine Museum
PO Box 97
14150 Solomons Island Road
Solomons, MD. 20688

Applications may be submitted by mail, in person, or via e-mail to sherry.reid@calvertcountymd.gov. The Tuesday, March 31, 2020 receipt deadline applies no matter how the application is submitted.

Applications will be reviewed, and scholarships awarded, by the VC selection committee.

Questions may be directed to Sherry Reid, CMM Volunteer Coordinator, at 410-326-2042, ext. 19, email sherry.reid@calvertcountymd.gov or Rae Dera, Volunteer Council Vice President, at 443 614-2332, email angelswatch@comcast.net.

Documents are available on the museum's web site www.calvertmarinemuseum.com.

**Calvert Marine Museum
Volunteer Council
Scholarship Program Application - 2020**

Student's Name _____ Date of Birth (mm/yyyy) _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Are you a High School graduate? Y/N _____. If yes, please indicate the school that issued the graduation certificate; if not, indicate when you will graduate and from which school. _____

What School or program are you going to attend?

What is the proposed major/field of concentration? _____

Have you received a Calvert Marine Museum Scholarship before? Y/N _____
If yes, please indicate which one and when

When did you start volunteering at the museum? (mm/yyyy) _____. How many total volunteer hours have you contributed since starting to volunteer at the museum? _____ hrs; and during January 1 – December 31, 2019 _____ hrs? This information is available from the Volunteer Coordinator and will be verified.

Provide the name and department of the staff member writing your recommendation:

Name: _____ Dept: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Attachments:

Personal Statement

Proof of acceptance or enrollment

RECOMMENDATION

Applicant's Name: _____

Reference's Name: _____

Department: _____

Please return this recommendation directly to the Volunteer Coordinator by close of business March 31, 2020.

How long have you been working with this applicant? _____

Please rate the applicant on a scale of 1 - 10 with 1 being lowest rating and 10 the highest according to the following:

Conscientiousness:

Attitude:

Motivation:

Punctuality:

Likelihood of continuing service:

Value of the applicant's contribution. 1= doesn't matter if he/she is here; 10= couldn't do without him/her

Ability to work with others and the general public

Comments: _____

